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SUBJECT: CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (CWC): ASIAN GROUP
MOVING TOWARD SELECTING PHILIPPINES FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
CHAIR

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Classified By: Ambassador Eric M. Javits, Permanent Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

This is CWC-17-07.

11. (C) On February 22, Malaysian Ambassador Ariffin reaffirmed to Ambassador Javits that there is no/no expressed support in the Asian Group to select Iran as the group candidate to be the EC Chair. She added that her canvassing of the group indicated it had now moved toward Philippine Ambassador Arguelles, explaining that group members had come to realize that India had previously served as the EC Chair (1997-98), and there is a strong feeling that this key OPCW position should be rotated in their group.

12. (C) Ariffin said she was surprised to have heard that South Korean Ambassador Choi would support India. Ariffin opined that once India discusses this matter with other members of the group, it will find that there is strong support for the principle of rotation and, specifically, a consensus for Arguelles. Pakistan Ambassador Naqvi was also

part of this discussion and expressed no disagreement with the remarks made by Ariffin. (Note: Pakistan is the Asian Group coordinator.)

¶3. (C) Comment: Despite the twists and turns in the Asian Group deliberations, the key point remains that there is no desire to consider Iran. Ambassador Javits will continue to monitor the discussions, and his recommendation remains to let the group continue its deliberations. As a result, the delegation recommends against carrying out further demarches in capitals on this issue at this time, which could upset internal Asian Group discussions. End Comment.

¶4. (U) Javits sends.
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